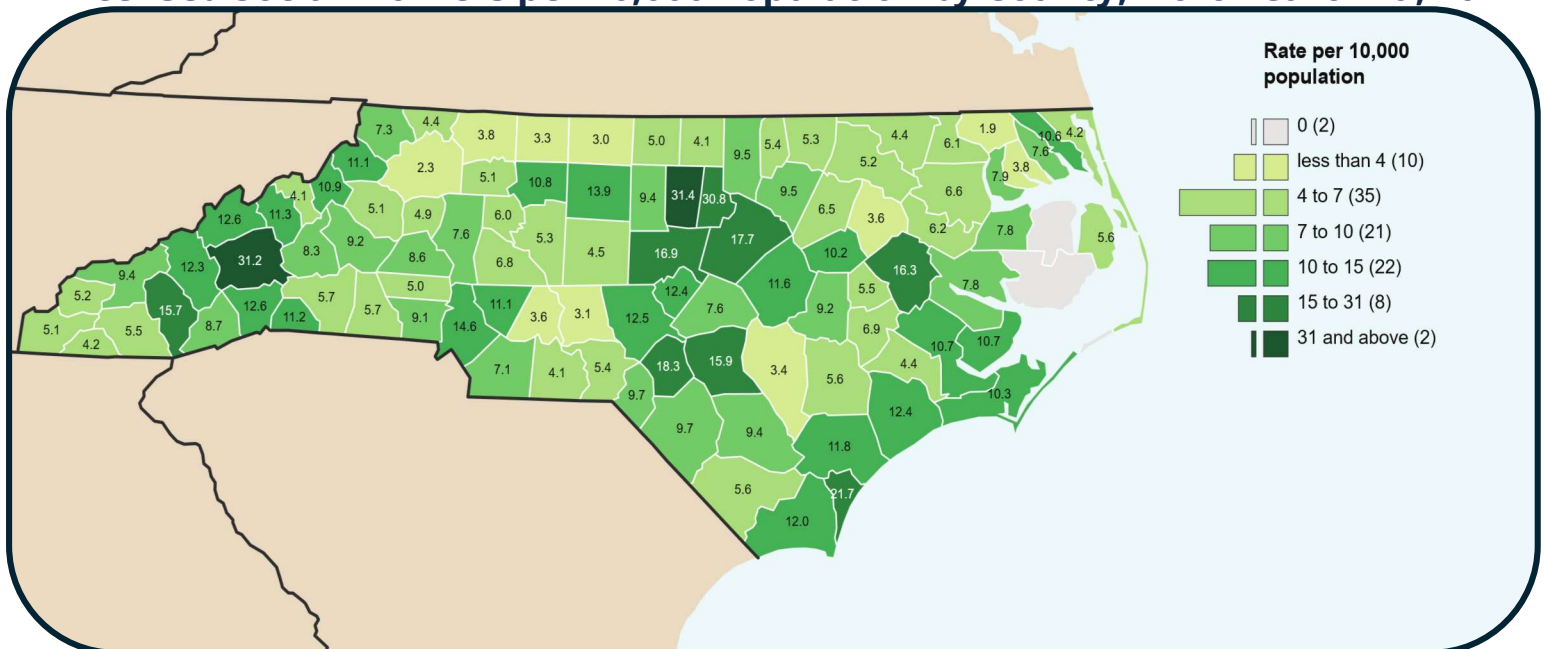
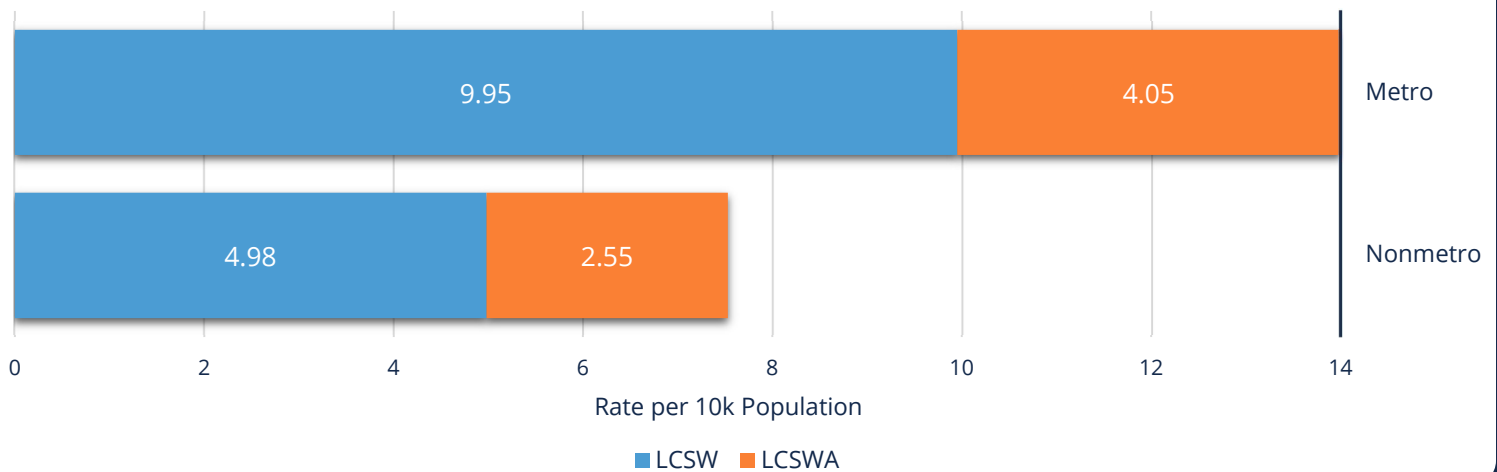




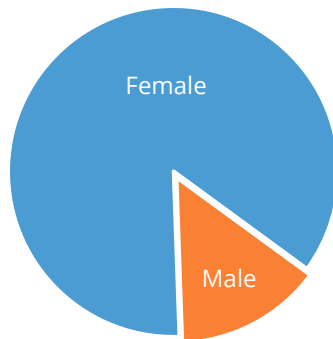
Social Workers in Metro and Nonmetro Counties by Licensure Type



DEMOGRAPHICS

85.6% of social workers identified as female in 2024.

Source: NPPES data.



Years in Practice: LCSWs

- Average Number of Years: **9.7**
- Deviation from the average (SD): **8.6 years**
- Minimum/Maximum Years in Practice (Range): **0 - 38**
- **63% licensed 10 years or less**

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **Metro counties had nearly double the rate of LCSWs** vs nonmetro areas: 9.95 vs 4.98 per 10k.
- The **state average was 12.7 social workers** per 10,000 population, with wide variability across counties.
 - **Two counties had a rate of 0 social workers** per 10,000 population.
 - **Two counties had rates higher than 31 social workers** per 10,000 population.
- There were **2:1 LCSWs to LCSWAs** in North Carolina.

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